Distress sale of raw jute

104. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government have taken with regard to the large scale distress sale of 'raw jute' in this jute season; and

(b) what are the details of purchases made by the jute Corporation of India till date the current year, State-wise against the target?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Jute Corporation of India (JCI) is giving wide publicity to its price support operation and advising growers not to make any distress sale of raw jute to middle-men below statutory minimum price. JCI and Cooperatives, action as agents of JCI are operating through a large number of purchase centres as in the previous season.

(b) There is no fixed purchase target as such and JCI will purchase whatever quantity of raw jute is offered to it by jute growers at the minimum statutory price fixed by the Govt. Details of State-wise purchases made by JCI and Cooperatives during the current jute season upto 29-10-1986 are as under:—

State	Total
(in Bales of 180 Kgs.)	
West Bengal	7,54,444
Bihar	1,02,500
Assam	1,38,334
Meghalaya	5,834
Orissa	15,278
Andhra Pradesh	8,056
Uttar Pradesh	14
Tripura	6,500
	10,30,960

Grant of loans to companies which have not deposited PF Contributions

105. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued any instructions/guidelines to the nationalised banks not to advance loans to the companies which have failed to deposit the employee's share of Provident Fund Contribution;

(b) if so, whether any Calcutta-based compaines have been granted loans during 1984-85, although employees' share of P.F. contribution was not deposited by the Company;

(c) if so, what are the details therof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House to the extent possible.

Recovery of dues from M/s Geep Flashlight Ltd., Allahabad

106. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken by Government to recover the outstanding dues of Rs. 26.68 lakhs as Income Tax and Rs. 339.77 lakhs as Central excise duty against M/s. Geep Flashlight Limited, Allahabad; and

(b) what is the period during which the aforesaid dues accumulated, separately for Income-tax and Central excise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) Information to the extent possible is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.